GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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FAMILY PLANNING PROGRMME
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that some northern States in the country have shown dismal progress in adopting family planning methods during the last few years;

(b) if so, whether the factors responsible behind dismal progress in these States have been identified;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to popularise family planning programme in these States to check the increasing population of the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 440 FOR 22.8.2001

(a)to(c): The adoption of family planning methods is reflected in the contraceptive prevalence data of any given State.

As per the National Family Health Surveys conducted by Government of India every5 years; in 1992-93 and again in 1998-99, the Contraceptive Prevalence Rate (CPR) for India and the Northern States is :-

State	NFHS-I (1992-93)	NFHS-II (1998-99)
India	40.6	48.2
Delhi	60.3	63.8
Haryana	49.7	62.4
H.P.	58.4	67.7
J&K	49.4	49.1
Punjab	58.7	66.7
Rajasthan	31.8	40.3
U.P.	19.8	28.1

(d) With a view to further promoting acceptance of family planning methods, Government of India is already pursuing advocacy and communication for bringing about behaviour change. Meticulous advocacy and communication campaigns are repeatedly put in place through Doordarshan, All India Radio, DAVP, Films Division etc. In addition, funds are being released through Mahila Swasthya Sanghs for spreading the message of family welfare at the grass roots. District level information, education and communication is also being organized through Zila Saksharata Samities in some districts. Government, Non-government and Panchayati Raj Institution partnerships are in position in the field that also serve to promote the messages and benefits of the small family norm.